

GRANITE STATE LIBRARIES



NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE LIBRARY

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FROM THE DESK OF THE STATE LIBRARIAN.....On June 7th the City of Laconia celebrated the Centennial of the Gale Memorial Building, which houses the Laconia Public Library. The public library traces its roots to the Meredith Social Library founded in 1803 in Laconia. In 1878, the sum of \$1,500 was appropriated and six trustees were elected to oversee the operation of the library. In 1903, with the generous help of Major Napoleon Bonaparte Gale, the Gale Memorial Library Building was built using granite, hand-carved wood and stained glass. For one hundred years it has been a landmark in Laconia. On Saturday, June 7th under a white tent, the trustees and library staff along with guests celebrated the Centennial of the Gale Memorial Building. Robert Selig, Chairman of the Board of Trustees served as Master of Ceremonies for the event. In attendance were Mark Fraser, Mayor of Laconia, U.S. Senator John E. Sununu, Executive Councilor Ray Burton, and State Librarian Michael York.

Programs at the library, as part of the Centennial Celebration, included children's story times and local authors. Plans for a new addition to the building are underway. A selection of an architect is expected soon.

SHERM PRIDHAM RETIRES

On May 27, 2003, 250 people turned out for a gala celebration at Yoken's Restaurant to wish Sherm Pridham, Director of the Portsmouth Public Library for 30 years, a wonderful retirement. The speakers (roasters) included city officials, library community colleagues, and lifelong friends. Sherm took some ribbing about his work at the library and was a good sport. Sherm said he plans to travel, garden, and stay connected to the library world through his mentoring activities with the New England Library Leadership Symposium

-Michael York, State Librarian

KIDS, BOOKS AND THE ARTS

by Ann Hoey, Youth Services Coordinator
N.H. State Library

The N.H. State Library awarded Kids, Books and the Arts grants to 75 public libraries this spring - a record number! Children across the state will have the opportunity to experience the talents of musicians, a magician, storytellers, and a ventriloquist as part of their library's summer reading program. Now in its 10th year, Kids, Books and the Arts is a collaborative program with the N.H. State Council on the Arts. This year, the project received additional funding from the Byrne Foundation, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, the Saul O Sidore Memorial Foundation, and the Verizon Foundation.

SUMMER READING POSTERS

Don't forget about the traveling summer reading poster exhibit. Thirteen framed summer reading posters (from the CHILIS-sponsored N.H. Summer Reading Program) are available for display at public libraries. To arrange for a display time, please call the Circulation Desk at the N.H. State Library at 271-2616 and ask for the set of summer reading posters. The posters will then be sent to you on the van.

GRANTS FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

The Children's Literacy Foundation (CLiF) and the Libri Foundation award grants to small rural public libraries for the purchase of new children's books. Both foundations accept applications twice a year. For more information, visit the following websites: <http://www.clifonline.org/> and <http://www.librifoundation.org/>.

LADYBUG PICTURE BOOK AWARD

Sponsored by the Center for the Book at the N.H. State Library, the Ladybug Picture Book Award recognizes the best in recent children's picture books and promotes early literacy. Children in preschool through 3rd grade have the opportunity to choose their favorite title from among 12 picture books selected by a committee of school and public librarians. It's easy to get involved. Librarians, teachers, child care providers, and parents can share some or all of the titles with children and then have them vote for their favorite title during Children's Book Week in November. For more information, as well as a list of this year's nominees, visit <http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/literacyc/awards.html>.

This is to inform you that copies of the bound volume of the 2002 N.H. session laws have been distributed to the public libraries. If you have not received a copy, but would like one for your library, please contact Eleanor O'Donnell, at the N.H. State Library at (603) 271-2429 or by e-mail at odonnell@library.state.nh.us. We will be pleased to send you the 2002 volume and will add your library to our mailing list for future volumes.

GOT LINCOLN?

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln seeks to identify, capture high-quality images of, transcribe, and annotate all documents written **by** or **to** Abraham Lincoln. Ultimately the project will publish both a free, comprehensive on-line electronic edition and a selective print edition. If you have uncovered or are aware of Lincoln documents in unexpected places such as small repositories, museums, or archival and private collections, please contact the project by e-mail at survey@papersofabrahamlincoln.org, by phone at (217) 785-9130, or write to Papers of Abraham Lincoln, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1507.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ON THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED Chili fests and special tours are certain to spice up your summer!

July 7-14 - Portsmouth Gundalow Edwards H. Adams -- The Adams will tie up on the waterfront of the Wentworth-Gardner House in Portsmouth's historic South End. An evening Folk Concert on July 8th will be offered as well as joint tours and activities for children and adults all week long. Call (603) 433-9505 for more information.

July 9-Aug 27 - Dixville Notch Flower Garden Tours -- Throughout the summer, flower garden tours with The BALSAMS gardeners will take place every Wednesday starting on July 9th and ending on August 27th. Come learn from the experts how to care for over 25,000 flowering plants. Tours begin at 3:00 p.m. at The BALSAMS Patio Garden. Admission is free. For more information call (603) 255-3400.

July 10-13 - Hillsborough Hillsborough Balloon Fest and Fair -- Hot air balloon launches at 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There will be a carnival with midway, tractor pulls, mud bog, 5K road race and entertainment. There will also be fireworks Saturday night and a parade on Sunday, as well as an antique car show and much more. Admission is free. Grimes Field. Call (603) 464-5858 for more information.

July 12 - Moultonborough 26th Annual Loon Festival -- Celebrate summer and learn about the Common Loon at the Loon Festival! Activities include crafts for kids, Mr. Phil, Balloonologist Extraordinaire and Dimples the Clown. Games include "Stump the Biologist" dunk tank, Pin the Chick on the Loon, and a nature scavenger hunt. Slide presentations are given every hour by loon biologists. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Loon Center. Admission is free. Call (603) 476-5666 for information.

July 12 - Keene 4th Annual New Hampshire Chili Cook-Off and Family Day -- The day will feature both red and green chilis and salsa produced by outstanding chili cooks, who will be competing for \$1,250 in cash prizes and the chance to enter the national cook-off. There will also be music, kid's games, a giant bouncy castle, clowns, balloons, and face painting. 12:00 noon-5:00 p.m. National Grange parking area, downtown Keene. Admission is \$5.00 for adults. Children 10 and under are free. Call (603) 357-3701 for more information.

July 13 - Gilford Sunday on the Meadow Craft Fair -- This craft show will feature artisans from all over the east coast. Rain or shine, free parking and admission, handicap access, food and beverage available at the pub for lunch and dinner. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Patrick's Place at Route 11 & 11B. Call (603) 293-8955 for more information.

July 13 - Canterbury Lavender Day -- A variety of speakers will present the Shakers' culinary, medicinal and practical uses of lavender. Tours of the certified organic gardens highlighting growing, sustaining and using lavender will be presented throughout the day. 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at Canterbury Shaker Village. Admission is \$12.00 for adult, \$6.00 for children ages 6-15. Call (603) 783-9511 for more information.

July 17 - Wolfeboro Peter Nero Trio -- Peter Nero has built an impressive career as conductor and arranger, in addition to his career as a virtuoso pianist. Throughout the year, Peter travels around the country with two virtuoso colleagues, Mike Barnett (bass) and Steve Pemberton (drums) who make up the Peter Nero Trio. 8:00 p.m. at the acoustical tent at Brewster Academy Field. Call (603) 569-7710 for tickets and information.

NEW LIS MATERIALS AT THE STATE LIBRARY

Bade, David W. *The creation and persistence of misinformation in shared library catalogs: language and subject knowledge in a technologies era.* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2002.

Davis, Donald G. *Winsor, Dewey and Putnam: the Boston experience.* University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2002.

Foerstel, Herbert N. *Banned in the U.S.A.: a reference guide to book censorship in schools and public libraries.* Greenwood Press, 2002.

N.H. STATE LIBRARY 800 NUMBERS

The State Library was faced with many difficult choices during the recent State budget preparation for the 2004-2005 biennial budget. We were instructed to develop a budget for the biennium that would be 5% less than the current budget for 2004 and 2% less than the current budget for 2005. In making decisions on the cuts, the State Library staff chose for elimination those services and programs that would have the least impact on New Hampshire libraries. One service we have chosen to eliminate is the toll-free number that connects to the State Library in Concord. With the use of the NHAIS listserv and the use of e-mail, the toll-free number was considered less vital than other services being offered. During this difficult period, the need for cooperation among New Hampshire libraries is greater than ever. We are here to help in any way we can to facilitate that cooperation. The 800 numbers for Library Services to Persons with Disabilities in Concord, and the North Country Office in Lancaster will remain in effect. Thanks for your understanding.

Conservation Grants Now Available from New Hampshire State Library

State funding is now available to non-profit publicly owned institutions to implement and to conduct preservation and conservation activities. Funds raised from the sale of Conservation License Plates (the "moose plates") are allocated to the Department of Cultural Resources to supplement existing state conservation and preservation programs [RSA 261-97]. The purpose of the Conservation Grant Program within the Department of Cultural Resources is to promote the use and conservation of cultural resources in New Hampshire and to preserve the cultural heritage that belongs to all New Hampshire citizens.

Maximum grant awards of \$10,000 are available for activities that will enhance access to resources and safeguard rare or endangered treasures. Preservation projects for collections will be evaluated on the significance of the materials to be preserved, quality of needs assessment, user group and purpose involved, barriers to access to the existing content, collaborative elements proposed and long-term viability.

Who is Eligible?

- New Hampshire non-profit organizations managing publicly-owned resources
- New Hampshire museums associated with non-profit organizations
- New Hampshire public, school, academic and special libraries
- New Hampshire state, county and municipal agencies

What Projects are Eligible?

To be considered eligible for funding, projects must conserve and preserve significant publicly owned works of art, artifacts, collections, microfilm, photographs and documents that contribute to New Hampshire's cultural heritage. This shall include but not be limited to:

- Original, rare or one-of-a-kind documents
- Intellectual and cultural artifacts
- Historically significant collections

What is Funded?

- Preservation and/or conservation work including but not limited to deacidification, cleaning, encapsulation, and framing
- Consultant services and/or assessment surveys
- Physical preservation methods such as microfilming, special repair or rebinding
- Specialized preservation supplies to house materials that have received conservation treatment
- Processing of unprocessed archives and manuscripts

Deadline for grant proposals is **August 15, 2003**.

For More Information:

Contact Janet Eklund, 271-2393, e-mail: jeklund@library.state.nh.us.

Application and Instructions can be found at: <http://nh.gov/nhsl/moose.html>

NEW HAMPSHIRE CELEBRATES CENTER FOR THE BOOK

On Monday May 5th a crowd of librarians, booksellers, publishers, and citizens gathered to celebrate the grand opening of the Center for the Book at the N.H. State Library. Speakers included John Cole from the Library of Congress, New Hampshire Poet Laureate, Marie Harris, journalist John Harrigan, author Tomie DePaola, and writer and humorist Rebbecca Rule. In preparation for the event a favorite book survey was sent to libraries across the state and the results tabulated by the State Library. The top 10 favorite books of New Hampshire readers are as follows:

1. *HARRY POTTER SERIES* (ROWLING)
2. *LORD OF THE RINGS* (SERIES TOLKEIN)
3. *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD* (LEE)
4. *HOLES* (SACHAR)
5. *BIBLE*
GONE WITH THE WIND (MITCHELL)
6. *BEL CANTO* (PATCHETT)
JUNIE B. JONES (PARK)
LITTLE WOMEN (ALCOTT)
MAGIC TREE HOUSE (OSBORNE)
7. *POISONWOOD BIBLE* (KINGSOLVER)
SHELL SEEKERS (PILCHER)
TREE GROWS IN BROOKLYN (SMITH)
8. *PRIDE AND PREJUDICE* (AUSTEN)
RED TENT (DIAMENT)
SECRET LIFE OF BEES (KIDD)
9. *CHARLOTTE'S WEB* (WHITE)
10. *I SPY* (MARZOLLO)

The Center for the Book at the N.H. State Library will serve as an umbrella and clearinghouse for the state's literary community, initially focusing on promoting and expanding existing programs. Said Acting Director Katie McDonough, "There are so many groups working to promote reading and literacy and a number of talented authors in New Hampshire. Our task is to coordinate and publicize opportunities, recently we established a website to facilitate this task."

New Hampshire's application to establish a Center for the Book was approved by the Library of Congress in December of 2002. Since that time an advisory board has been established and plans are underway for a number of literary activities. New project ideas include an interactive version of a "Literary Map of New Hampshire," a Bookchat Listserv, and a Franco-American Book Festival, to be developed in cooperation with the American-Canadian French Cultural Exchange Commission.

For more information about the Center for the Book at New Hampshire State Library go to <http://www.state.nh.us/nhsl/bookcenter/index.html> or call Katie McDonough at 271-8520.

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOOKS COLUMN

by Eleanor O'Donnell
N.H. State Library

Abelson, Norman. *SNAPSHOTS FROM A LOVE AFFAIR: SELECTED POEMS*. B'Shert Books, P.O. Box 2812, Concord, N.H. 03302. 2000. \$11.95 ISBN 1-930149-03-4

This collection of poems follow the progress of a love affair from the moment of meeting, through growing friendship, sex, jealousy, and reconciliation. The reader experiences the joy and the pain, the loneliness and fulfillment of being in love. Abelson's lifelong romance was with his late wife, Dina of 47 years. The author is a former public radio commentator and journalist.

Caduto, Michael J. *A TIME BEFORE NEW HAMPSHIRE: THE STORY OF A LAND AND NATIVE PEOPLES*. University Press of New England & University of New Hampshire. 2003. \$30.00 ISBN 1-58465-185-7

Starting with the formation of Earth 4.6 billion years ago up until the colonial period, the story of New Hampshire is woven into a tapestry of co-evolution between the land and the people through time. This book introduces the reader to the world of the ancient Abenaki Indians, emphasizing their beliefs and practices in relationship to the natural world. The text is illustrated with photographs and images of past peoples and environments.

Citro, Joseph A., and Diane E. Foulds. *CURIOUS NEW ENGLAND: THE UNCONVENTIONAL TRAVELER'S GUIDE TO ECCENTRIC DESTINATIONS*. University Press of New England. 2003. \$19.95 ISBN 1-58465-112-1

Arranged by state, this guidebook points the way to New England's most bizarre, weird, and curious exhibits, such as singing sands, glowing tombstones, ghostly squirrels, and artwork made from insect parts. New Hampshire lists the Cuff Link Museum, Hobo Hotel, Preacher's Rock, and Covered Bridge House. Precise directions, hours, and contact information are provided.

Fender, J.E. *AUDACITY, PRIVATEER OUT OF PORTSMOUTH*. University Press of New England. 2003. \$26.95 ISBN 1-58465-316-7

Readers of *The Private Revolution of Geoffrey Frost* will enjoy reading the second volume of the Frost saga. Commanding a captured British sloop o' war and sailing out of Portsmouth to harass the British, Frost has more adventures in this seafaring novel set during the American Revolution. The author, who is Legal Counsel for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, is working on future volumes.

Hoefnagel, Dick, with the collaboration of Virginia L. Close. *ELEAZAR WHEELOCK AND THE ADVENTUROUS FOUNDING OF DARTMOUTH COLLEGE*. Published by the Durand Press for the Hanover Historical Society. 2002. \$20.00 ISBN 0-9708324-2-7

Using manuscripts and Wheelock family papers in Rauner Special Collections Library at Dartmouth College, the author provides an extremely readable biography of Eleazor Wheelock, and the founding of Dartmouth College. A chapter is included on the first college librarian, Bezaleel Woodward, Wheelock's son-in-law.

Hughes, Jim and Nick Hughes. *HEY DAD, WANNA PLAY CATCH? HELPFUL BASEBALL TIPS FOR KIDS*. Hollis Publishing Company. 2002. \$19.95 ISBN 1-884186-14-9

Father and son, Jim and Nick Hughes, have teamed up to share baseball knowledge with kids of all ages. This book offers baseball tips that every youngster should know and learn to become a better player, and includes photos and words of encouragement from former Major League Players.

Monkman, Jerry and Marcy. DISCOVER SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE: AMC GUIDE TO THE BEST HIKING, BIKING, AND PADDLING. Appalachian Mountain Club Books. 2002. \$15.95
ISBN 1-929173-15-6

Arranged by sections on hiking, biking and paddling, the book provides information on trip time, distance and difficulty, sidebars on natural history, detailed in-text maps. The appendices include recommended reading, a list of state parks, and telephone numbers of various chambers of commerce.

Seletz, Jules M. LINCOLN LOGS: THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN, NEW HAMPSHIRE. Denlinger's Publishers. 2002. \$18.95 ISBN 0-87714-268-8

Lincoln Logs is historical fiction that describes a town created solely by the logging industry. Events in the town's history are the backdrop of this novel, in which we follow the lives of three generations of four fictional families over the span of one hundred years.

Sytek, Donna. FURTHER ADO: PRACTICAL PROTOCOL FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE: A NON-PARTISAN GUIDE TO POLITICAL ETIQUETTE. Plaidswede/Scyth Hill Press, P.O. Box 269, Concord, N.H. 03302-0269. 2003. \$14.95 ISBN 0-9626732-8-0

During her years in politics, and having attended hundreds of events where a public official was the speaker or guest, the author, former Speaker of the New Hampshire House of Representatives, became aware that many sponsoring organizations did not have any idea of the protocol for handling their official guests. This volume spells out that protocol, from the initial invitation, form of address, the head table pecking order, proper decorum at the event, and the thank you letter. The appendices provide such information as voting districts, names and addresses of public officials, list of members of the New Hampshire House and the members of committees.

Thomson, Judith R. and Shelley L. Ensz. VOICES OF SCLERODERMA, Volume I. ISN Press, distributor Booksurge. \$19.99 ISBN 0-9724623-0-9

This compilation features over 100 patient, caregiver, and survivor stories from 16 countries, including the United States. Royalties go to the International Scleroderma Network, a nonprofit organization that provides scleroderma medical and support information. Editor, Judith R. Thomson, who suffers from scleroderma, is a New Hampshire author of three published novels: *The King of Judas*, *A Switch in Time*, and *Mind Blindness*.

Zielinski, Gregory A., and Barry D. Keim. NEW ENGLAND WEATHER, NEW ENGLAND CLIMATE. Published for the University of New Hampshire by the University of New England Press. 2003. \$29.95
ISBN 1-58465-312-4

What makes New England's weather and climate unique? The authors offer an in-depth explanation of the latest theoretical insights into New England's weather, along with a flurry of stories and lore about the vagaries of our climate. Divided into seasons: ski season, mud season, beach and lake season, and foliage season, this book provides an illuminating and entertaining analysis and commentary on the region's weather changes.

***WebJunction* LAUNCHED**

Continuing the work of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's U.S. Library Program, OCLC, the Colorado State Library, The Benton Foundation, Isopyh, and TechSoup have created *WebJunction*. This technology portal is a web-based, public access computing center that provides information about using technology effectively in a public setting. It is intended for use by public librarians and other organizations that help the public use computers to get information and resources.

WebJunction currently has five main areas:

Policies and Practices helps libraries keep track of the various political and environmental issues that are critical to sustaining public access to information technology. It includes sections on technology planning, acceptable use policies, issues around accessibility, and strategies for fundraising and marketing.

Technology Resources helps library staff stay ahead of technology issues, problems, and innovations. The portal helps librarians maintain existing infrastructure while keeping pace with new trends. It includes tools and tips for handling hardware and software within the library, overview of basic and advanced networking options, security measures, and guides to basic troubleshooting.

Buying Guide helps librarians plan review options before making decisions to upgrade or change the existing installation. It includes reviews and peer opinions of hardware and software, purchasing advice, and information about buying discounted and used hardware and software.

Learning Center is an online learning environment that has online courses, downloadable lesson, training tips and other tools to enhance public access computing knowledge and skills. It can help staff acquire and update their own skills and help them learn how to teach the public.

Community Forum allows freewheeling interaction with peers around the country. Librarians can post and discuss items of mutual interest, attend online events facilitated by experts, and access career information, event calendars, and success stories.

Connecting to *WebJunction* is easy. You must have Internet Explorer 5.0 or higher OR Netscape Navigator 6.0 or higher. When you log on you can register to become a member, opt-in to help evaluate and develop the portal, or just search for information.

To design the most useful library portal possible, *WebJunction* conducted a needs assessment and gathered more than 1,800 responses from library and technical staff, as well as state library and regional library cooperative staff about what they would like to see the site contain. With the needs assessment in mind, *WebJunction* is designed to help users collaboratively plan for the merging technology needs of their organization. *WebJunction* improvements and enhancements will be driven by portal users who provide feedback about their use of *WebJunction* and their needs. Content will be enhanced by contributions from portal users.

Sign on to *WebJunction* at www.webjunction.org, register to be a frequent user, take what information you need, and share your thoughts at the community forum.

LONG ISLAND COALITION AGAINST CENSORSHIP

Donald Parker, Co-coordinator
Long Island Coalition Against Censorship

When planning your exhibits for Banned Books Week in September or a month in 2003 or 2004, you may wish to consider including the new edition of the exhibit, **Censorship in Schools and Libraries** published by the Long Island Coalition Against Censorship. The exhibit presents 32 illustrations, each one approximately 11" x 14" with accompanying text that is 11" x 14". The history of censorship in libraries and public schools highlights incidents of censorship that have occurred in the United States during the last one hundred years. Included are descriptions of the censorship of *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *In the Night Kitchen*, *The Catcher in the Rye* and the novels of Judy Blume and Robert Cormier. The United States Supreme Court and lower court decisions are an integral part of the exhibit.

The new edition includes efforts to censor the popular Harry Potter's children's books. (In late December 2002, Harry Potter books were burned in Alamogordo, New Mexico), efforts by some school officials to censor student web sites, and the censorship of literacy selections on Language Arts examinations in New York State. In addition to the new cases, there is an update of censorship incidents in libraries and schools that occurred from 1990 to 2003. Quality copies of the exhibit have been reproduced which may be readily presented in the library on poster boards and retained as a reference source. If your space is limited, we suggest that you rotate the panels during the time the exhibit is on display. Excerpts from the exhibit and the cost are available from our web site, www.the-licac.org under "Censorship in Schools and Libraries." Additional information can also be obtained via e-mail, coalcen@juno.com or writing to us at LICAC, P.O. Box 296, Port Washington, N.Y. 11050.

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(The Long Island Coalition Against Censorship is a non-profit education association of 22 organizations (15 of which are libraries or professional library organizations).

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

NEWS FROM -

Chocorua -- ANNUAL BOOK & BAKE SALE -- We are now collecting book donations as well as volunteers for our annual book and bake sale to take place on Saturday July 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you have books to donate, please drop them off at the library during open hours or phone 323-8610. We are also seeking volunteers to lug, organize, sort, and bake. We need help the few days before (for set up), during the sale, and after (for breakdown and cleaning). Or just bake a goodie for us to sell. If you're willing to help, there's a sign-up sheet at the library or phone 323-8610. All proceeds from the Book and Bake Sale benefit the library.

KARLY'S CORNER -- The family of Karly Margaret Bullen Goodson has made a donation to our Children's Collection. Many of you know Karly's Corner - our children's section honoring this special little girl who is still sorely missed. We are very grateful and are using the donations to expand and improve our children's collection for all area residents. Look for new elementary and junior fiction and non-fiction as well as children's videos, marked with a '+' in the *New Items* list!

HERITAGE CORNER -- Our Heritage Corner, celebrating the library's history is now a reality. It is just behind the circulation desk and features photos of and tributes to people who have worked so generously to secure our library's future. We are one of the very few predominately privately endowed public libraries. We are supported directly by the community we serve and we should all be very proud of the library's continued success. Special recognition should be made to Chocorua Public Library's Board of Library Trustees who put in all the work to create the beautiful corner. They painted the walls, framed the photos, and made sure it was perfect. They are the living examples of the intent of the founders. Thanks to you all!

SUMMER READING PROGRAM -- The Chocorua Public Library held their Kick-off Event for the Summer Reading Program on Monday, June 30th at 2:00 p.m. The afternoon featured *Walt W. Williams and Mrs. Moose* who led the attendees in sing-alongs, dances, and some sign language. The performance was sponsored in part by a grant from the N.H. State Council on the Arts, the N.H. State Library, and donations from the Byrne Foundation, the Cogswell Benevolent Trust, and the Verizon Foundation. The lively party rounded out with refreshments and Summer Reading Program Sign-Ups. Sign-Ups are still open and those who participate will receive a sticker for each day they use the library between now and August 14th. They'll get to choose a free book for every fifth sticker and a great prize for every tenth. Prizes this year include passes to Storyland, Heritage, Christa McAuliffe Planetarium, Lost River Gorge and Boulder Caves, Six Gun City, Santa's Village, and Attitash Bear Peak - Perfect Summer. And as if that weren't enough, for every book participants read, they'll throw a rock into a prize jar featuring a T-Rex puppet! Whoever guesses closest to the number of rocks in the jar at the wind-down party on August 14th at 11:00 a.m., wins T-Rex!

Also, don't forget our Summer Story Times:

- ★ July 10th 11:00 a.m. -- Storyteller Extraordinaire Marion Posner for Story Time
- ★ July 17th 11:00 a.m. -- Melissa Grady of Jackson for Story Time
- ★ July 24th 11:00 a.m. -- Summer Resident and Summer library personality, Jeff Landesman for Story Time
- ★ July 26th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. -- Annual Book and Bake Sale
- ★ July 31st 11:00 a.m. -- Kalley Cooper of sunny California for Story Time
- ★ August 7th 11:00 a.m. -- Actress & Conway Children's Librarian, Olga Morrill for Story Time
- ★ August 14th 11:00 a.m. -- Wrap-Up Ice Cream Social and awards ceremony!

Lincoln -- SUPPORT YOUR FRIENDS! An active, thriving library like ours contributes to a community's quality of life. Help out! Volunteer your time and become a member of the Friends of the Lincoln Library. Annual Membership Categories: Students \$3.00; Seniors (60 & over) \$5.00; Individual \$7.00; Family \$10.00; Sponsor \$25.00; Patron \$50.00; Benefactor over \$50.00. Remember to include your name and address (and e-mail address if you have one) with your contribution. Membership will have its privileges - you won't want to miss out! Please make your check payable to Friends of Lincoln Library. You can drop it off at the Library or send it to: Friends of Lincoln Library, P.O. Box 98, Lincoln, N.H. 03251.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FUND RAISING ACTIVITIES -- The Friends of Lincoln Library are looking for people to Chair and become members for two fund-raising activities. Pot Luck Supper and Premiums. We could really use your help to make this happen! Please volunteer if you could assist in helping our library provide more programs and services for the community. Please contact Fred Fink, 745-3605 or fnfink@adelphia.net, or leave your name at the library desk.

Merrimack -- The eighth annual Merrimack Library Cardboard Boat Festival will take place Saturday, September 6th on Naticook Lake at Wasseman Park in Merrimack from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (raindate: September 7th).

The first racers will paddle off at 1:30 p.m. Trophies will be awarded for first, second and third place in youth, junior, adult and business categories in both single and team divisions. Additional trophies will be awarded for Best Looking Boat, Most Original Design, People's Choice, Most Spectacular Sinking, the Bob L'Heureux Trophy (for the crew with the biggest heart), and the Merrimack Cup.

Besides boat races, there will be a used book sale, raffles, face painting, food, children's sand castle building contest and mile carton boat races as well as other activities and surprises. The entertainment schedule includes musical performer Scott Kepnes at 11:00 a.m., magician B.J. Hickman at 11:45 a.m., and the juggling antics of the Spoof Gabbling Circus at 12:30 p.m. This year's limited edition cardboard boat race t-shirt, designed by "The Merrimack Journal's" political cartoonist, Bill Green, will also be on sale. Free transportation to and from the waterfront will be provided by Laidlaw Transit shuttle buses.

Bring your family and come see for yourself that a full size boat made entirely of cardboard will hold people and float!! All proceeds from the Festival will go to the Library Development Fund.

A Cardboard Boat Information Seminar will be held on July 31st at 7:00 p.m. at the Merrimack Public Library. Experienced cardboard boat captains will explain the rules and offer cardboard boat building hints and tips. In addition, there will be a slide presentation of prior Festivals.

For boat applications, Festival information or directions, call Festival Chair Pat Heinrich at (603) 424-4663 or visit the library's website at www.merrimack.lib.nh.us or Janet Angus, Director, Merrimack Public Library, at (603) 424-5021.

Pelham -- The town of Pelham passed a warrant article for \$120,000 to pay for shelving and furnishings and equipment for our new library which is scheduled to open in early summer. Also passed was a warrant article for a part-time reference librarian. Our book budget increased \$10,000.

Windham -- Alberta Corvi, Head Cataloger at the Nesmith Library in Windham, will retired on June 30, 2003. Mrs. Corvi has been a dedicated employee serving patrons of the Nesmith Library for over 20 years!

Over 4,100 people passed through the doors of the Nesmith Library on June 7th during the 21st Annual Strawberry Festival sponsored by the Friends of the Library of Windham.

The Nesmith Library held a free vision screening on June 20th in collaboration with The Windham Lions Club. The Lions Club Operation Kindsight, and The Links to Early Learning Project.

Elizabeth Strauss, Youth Services Librarian at the Nesmith Library, has been selected by the N.H. Library Association Executive Board to participate in the First New England Library Leadership Symposium sponsored by the New England Library Association.

The Nesmith Library Writers' Group was recently organized following a four week writers' workshop presented by author Norman Abelson.

A majority of the Nesmith Library Board of Trustees attended the recent Annual N.H. Library Trustees Association Conference held in Concord, N.H.

Franconia -- On July 5th, Franconia celebrated its annual 4th of July festivities with its traditional parade. This year the theme of the parade was Storytelling and Reading and the Grand Marshall was former Abbie Greenleaf Library Director, Amy Bahr, who was being honored for her many years of services to the town of Franconia. Executive Councilor Burton was at the parade and presented Amy with a copy of the *New Hampshire Redbook*. At the conclusion of the parade, I read a proclamation from Governor Benson commending Amy for her years of dedication to the people of Franconia and her work of many professional and civic organizations.

TROUBLED IMAGES EXHIBIT AT THE N.H. STATE LIBRARY

The State Library will host an exhibit of over 70 posters from the Linen Hall Library, Belfast, Northern Ireland that highlights the troubles in the last 30 years. The exhibit will run Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., from July 18 - August 22, 2003. For more information please call the Department of Cultural Resources at (603) 271-2540.

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